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Date Mailed: 03/29/2001

NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.

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In re application of

Claudio DE GIROLAMO, et al.

Attorney Docket Q63003

Appln. No.: 09/784,018

Group Art Unit: 2661

Confirmation No.: not yet assigned

Examiner: Not yet assigned

Filed: February 16, 2001

For: **TRAFFIC PROTECTION MECHANISM FOR A FIBER OPTIC NETWORK HAVING A
LINEAR TOPOLOGY**

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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION**

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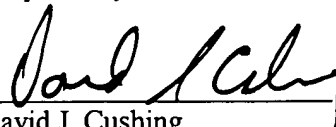
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Sir:

In response to the "Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application filed under 37 CFR 1.53(b) - Filing Date Granted" dated March 29, 2001, for the above application, Applicants respectfully submit herewith the Declaration for the above identified application properly executed by the inventors.

A check for the statutory fee of \$130.00 is attached. Please also charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this paper is attached.

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